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SUBJECT: VANCOUVER CRTC HEARINGS ADJOURNED INDEFINITELY

REF: VANCOUVER 081, JANUARY 23

1. AFTER ONE DAY OF HEARINGS CANADIAN RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMISSION (CRTC) ABRUPTLY ADJOURNED REMAINING THREE DAYS SCHEDULED BECAUSE OF FEBRUARY 3 FEDERAL COURT OF CANADA RULING IN VANCOUVER THAT CRTC MUST HEAR COMPETING APPLICATION FOR VICTORIA CABLEVISION LICENSE BEFORE GRANTING LICENSE RENEWAL TO PRESENT LICENSE HOLDER. PREVIOUSLY APPLICANTS WISHING TO REPLACE LICENSEE COULD ONLY ACT AS INTERVENORS AT RENEWAL HEARINGS AND ASK CRTC NOT TO GRANT RENEWAL, AND THEN APPLY FOR LICENSE AT LATER DATE IF CRTC DID DENY RENEWAL.

2. CASE INVOLVED CAPITAL CABLEVISION COOPERATIVE WHICH WANTS TO REPLACE VICTORIA CABLEVISION LIMITED AS LICENSEE FOR CITY OF VICTORIA BY ESTABLISHING SUBSCRIBER-OWNED CABLE SYSTEM. PRESS REPORT INDICATES MR. JUSTICE J.E. DUBE IN HIS RULING STATED NEITHER HOLDER OR APPLICANT HAVE RIGHT TO LICENSE "BUT IN MY VIEW BOTH HAVE A RIGHT TO BE HEARD." JUDGE ADDED HOLDER MAY HAVE PRIORITY RIGHT BECAUSE OF LARGE INVESTMENT BUT CRTC HAS RESPONSIBILITY TO HEAR OTHER APPLICANTS SAYING HOWEVER "THE CRTC REMAINS FREE TO DECIDE AS IT CHOOSES".

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3. ALTHOUGH RULING STATED ONLY CRTC MUST HEAR COMPETING APPLICATION BEFORE GRANTING RENEWAL, CRTC ADJOURNED HEARINGS INDEFINITELY AND RETURNED TO OTTAWA TO DECIDE ON APPEAL.

4. CRTC HAD COMPLETED HEARING ON AGENDA ITEM DEALING WITH CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION (CBC) APPLICATION FOR NEW VANCOUVER FRENCH-LANGUAGE STATION. SINCE APPLICATION IS FOR NEW STATION IT IS UNAFFECTED BY COURT RULING AND CRTC EXPECTED TO HAND DOWN DECISION IN DUE COURSE. HOWEVER, ALL OTHER ITEMS INCLUDING APPLICATIONS TO DELETE SEATTLE STATION FROM VANCOUVER CABLEVISION VHF DIAL AND FOR NEW CBC ENGLISH-LANGUAGE STATION IN VICTORIA ALL POSTPONED INDEFINITELY.  
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